

WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, November 20, 2022, marked the 27th World Day of Remembrance—WDoR—for Road Traffic Victims, commemorating the millions of people killed and injured on the world's roads. It is also a day to thank emergency responders for their role in saving lives, to reflect on the impact of road traffic deaths and injuries on families and communities, and to draw attention to the need for improved legislation, awareness, infrastructure, and technology to save more families from the tragedy of losing a loved one.

More than 1 million people die from road crashes every year, and tens of millions are seriously injured. Road traffic crashes are the No. 1 killer of young people aged 15–29 and the eighth leading cause of death among all people worldwide. Rochelle Sobel, president of the Association for Safe International Road Travel, highlighted the gravity of this issue and the imperative to fix it: “Every 27 seconds, somewhere in the world, a person dies in a road crash.”

On this 27th anniversary of World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, it is important to remember the history and recommit to the goals of this day. It was initiated in 1995 as the European Day of Remembrance and quickly spread around the globe to countries in Africa, South America, and Asia. In 2005, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution 60/2, recognizing November 15 as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. Since that time, the observance of this day has continued to spread to a growing number of countries on every continent.

Last year marked the start of the new Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030, during which the WDoR will highlight the reasons for all of the necessary actions to be taken during this coming decade. Indeed, the day has become an important moment to focus international attention on this preventable epidemic and as an advocacy tool in global efforts to reduce road casualties. As a result of the growing awareness and global call to action that World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims has generated, in September 2020, the United Nations passed a resolution declaring the years 2021 to 2030 a new Decade of Action for Road Safety. The declaration affirms the UN's commitment to work vigorously to implement a new, ambitious agenda to halve road crash deaths by 2030.

Additionally, the UN Sustainable Development Goal 3.6 calls on governments and their stakeholders, including NGOs and private citizens, to address the personal, medical, and financial burdens associated with road traffic deaths and injuries.

The devastation of losing a child, parent, sibling, partner, friend, caregiver, or caretaker is immeasurable, as

are the challenges of caring for a permanently disabled loved. Road traffic crashes are preventable, and so we owe it to our communities to work together so that the hopes and dreams of our loved ones are not shattered on the roads of the United States and the world. We must all take action to prevent these avoidable tragedies and save lives.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JACKIE CRABTREE

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Pea Ridge Mayor Jackie Crabtree who is retiring after 27 years of leading his community.

When Crabtree was elected mayor of Pea Ridge in 1994, it was a part-time position that oversaw a population of 1,300 people. He helped usher in growth and development that, today, underpins a flourishing community that now boasts nearly 6,600 residents.

In his decades of service and commitment, Mayor Crabtree successfully met the moment to change the community including providing the services and needs citizens rely on such as a full-time fire department and paramedics and an expanded police department.

His leadership was crucial to improving the infrastructure in the city with an upgraded wastewater treatment plant, new water lines, and additional sidewalks.

The list of accomplishments he has directed is lengthy, but he is quick to credit his dedicated team. Mayor Crabtree's humility reflects his success as a leader and public servant.

The mayor considers it an honor and privilege to serve the people of Pea Ridge. They will surely miss his vision and dedication, but I am confident he will continue to be involved and engaged.

From a career at Walmart, to the Pea Ridge School Board and president of the Arkansas Municipal League, Mayor Crabtree has spent countless hours giving back to his community and beyond. I applaud him for his commitment to helping others and enacting positive change. I appreciate his example and many years of friendship.

I wish him the best of luck in his retirement where he will be able to spend more time with his wife and high school sweetheart Freida Sue Booth and their son Eric, daughter-in-law Shelly, and granddaughters Mahala and Kaylea. •

TRIBUTE TO DANA CONNORS

• Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, it is a great pleasure to join people throughout the State of Maine in thanking Dana Connors for a remarkable career of nearly six decades of devoted service and lasting contributions in government and the private sector. In addition to being an outstanding

leader, Dana is a cherished friend to me and so many others.

I first met Dana when I was working for Bill Cohen in Washington and he was the city manager of Presque Isle, a position he held for 16 years. Both of us are natives of Aroostook County, so we have always had that special county bond.

Years later, we served together in Governor John McKernan's cabinet, where he was commissioner of transportation. Everyone who worked with Dana during his 11 years in that challenging role was in awe of the fact that Dana could go into any meeting, and no matter how unhappy the people might be about the condition of a road or bridge in their community, they inevitably came out smiling. He just had a knack, which he still has, of always listening to people and making them feel valued.

From there, Dana stepped forward to serve as president of the chamber. Throughout his nearly 30 years of leadership, he has shown a deep understanding of the role of businesses in our State, particularly those that are owned by families. He is a staunch supporter of Maine's traditional industries, including farming, fishing, and forestry, and a champion of such emerging industries as advanced manufacturing and biotechnology.

What motivates Dana are his love for our State, his belief in our communities, and his deep affection for our hard-working, ingenious, and determined people. He understands the importance of creating an environment that is conducive to small businesses starting up, growing, and expanding. Above all, Dana is passionate about ensuring that Mainers have good jobs and are able to stay right here in Maine. There is no better demonstration of this desire than his strong and effective advocacy for vocational education, apprenticeships, and other programs that provide Mainers with skills that are in demand by Maine employers.

I am especially grateful to Dana for the advice he provided during the pandemic as I was drafting the Paycheck Protection Program. I knew I could turn to him for guidance on how it should be crafted and what would work best to help our small employers remain in business and continue to pay their employees. Dana was truly an invaluable resource during that crisis.

There is one special memory of Dana that I want to share. In 2016, he brought together all five of Maine's living U.S. Senators—George Mitchell, Bill Cohen, Olympia Snowe, Angus King, and me—for a forum about public confidence in government and bipartisanship. It is a testament to the enduring relationships Dana has forged and the respect he has earned from members of both parties that he was able to convince all five former and current Senators to come to the same event on the same night.

There is another part to that story that says so much about Dana. At the